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Re the Patent Application of:

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO
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Response and Request for Continued Examination

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Sir:

This paper is a response accompanied by a request for continued examination (RCE) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. This RCE incorporates a response to the Final Office Action dated April 8, 2004.

In response to the Final Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows, and please consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.